

But God Hath Revealed Them Unto Us (1 Corinthians 2:7-13)

God Interrupts Our Ignorance.

Proposition: Every child of God can enjoy the revelation of God by understanding three principals laid out in our text.

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"But God Hath Revealed them..."

- A. The Instrument of Scripture (Vs. 7a)
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II. God's Revelation is Granted to the Saint (Vs. 9-10, 12)

"...unto us..."

- A. A Glorious Granting (Vs. 7c, 9-10)
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"...by His Spirit..."

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But God Hath Revealed them unto Us. (1 Cor 5:7-13)

God interrupts our ignorance. One does not have to look further than many of the cult groups of our day to know that there are a lot of strange revelations out there. ... From

Secret golden tablets given to Joseph Smith supposedly containing new revelations from God, and Mary Baker Eddy Patterson Glauers revelation that sin and pain are just part of a flawed mental + psychological condition, to Scientology's science fiction revelation that we are all aliens called Thetans who are refugees

from a 75,000,000 year old galactic ruler called Xenu. Revelations are many and varied. What revelation do we have as believers in the Lord Jesus Christ? We have the pure truthful and accurate Word of the Living God. One unknown writer said "This Book is the mind of God, the state of man, the way of salvation, the door of sinners, and the happiness of believers. Its doctrines are holy, its precepts are binding, its histories are true and its..."

I. God's Revelation is Given in the Scripture

"God hath Revealed them." It is a wonder that God even revealed himself to sinful man. He could have left us to seek out

but out of love and mercy He revealed Himself...

A. The Instrument of Scripture - Vs 7

"But we speak the wisdom of God..." Look also Vs 1, Vs 4, Vs 6. In this letter the Apostle Paul is the instrument of God's Scripture. No Bible just didn't fall out of the sky. God used men to write the scriptures. Peter 1:11 As wind filled the sails of a ship to drive it along, so the Spirit of God drove the bible writers.

B. The ^{idea of} Insight of Scripture - Vs 7

Mystery - shutting the mouth. When it is used in Bible it refers to that which was formerly concealed that is presently revealed Vs 8. The Apostle Paul gives an example. Those that put Jesus on the cross had no idea they were crucifying the Lord of glory. Yet contained in the scripture of Ps 22 and Is 53 are named.

C. The Exclusion of Scripture - Look

at Vs 9 + Vs 6. There is an exclusion to the scriptures. It does not contain the wisdom of men, worldly wisdom carnal wisdom. The wisdom of men comes to naught to nothing (Vs 6). The world is flat says man's wisdom Is 40:22 refer to God who sits above circle (sphere of earth). Earth rests on gigantic elephants. Joh 8:12 Hymn Vol

II. God's Revelation is Granted to the Saint

"... revealed them to us..." This revelation is granted to those that know Jesus as their Saviour. Those that are born from

1) ...and its decisions are immutable. Read it to be wise, believe it to be safe, practice it to be holy. It contains light to direct you, food to support you, and comfort to cheer you. It is the traveler's map, the pilgrim's staff, the pilot's compass, the soldier's sword, and the Christian's character. Here paradise is restored, heaven opened, and the gates of hell disclosed. Christ is its grand subject, our good its design, and the glory of God its end. It should fill the memory, rule the heart, and guide the feet. Read it slowly, frequently, prayerfully. It is a mine of wealth, a paradise of glory, and a river of pleasure. Follow its precepts and it will lead you to Calvary, to the empty tomb, to a resurrected life in Christ; yes, to glory itself, for eternity. God's word is truly a wonderful revelation, and every child of God can enjoy it by understanding three principals laid out in our text.

2) 2 Peter 1:21 For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost.

3) ...writers to write the very words of God. But how do we know that they truly wrote the words of God? Well that leads us to the insight of Scripture...

4) ...Isaiah 53 are vivid and accurate accounts of the crucifixion, hundreds of years before Jesus death. And there are numerous other insights that are found in the Bible that deal with the natural world that attest to the divine insight of the word of God

1) ...of the hereafter. But we see the abundant life of the here and now. A life forgiven of sin, a life of mercy and grace, a life of guidance and strength. We see Jesus! Our Saviour! Our triumphant Lord! I'm reminded of what the song writer wrote: I am so glad that my Father in heaven, Tells of His love in the book He has given. Wonderful things in the Bible I see, This is the dearest that Jesus loves me. What a glorious granting to the Saint in the Scripture!

2) Ephesians 1:3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ:

3) Billy Sunday wrote in the fly leaf of his Bible: "Twenty-nine years ago, with the Holy Spirit as my guide, I entered at the portico of Genesis, walked down the corridor of the Old Testament art galleries, where pictures of Noah, Abraham, Moses, Joseph, Isaac, Jacob, and Daniel hung on the wall. I passed into the music room of the Psalms where the Spirit sweeps the keyboard of nature until it seems that every reed and pipe in God's great organ responds to the harp of David, the sweet singer of Israel." "I entered into the chamber of Ecclesiastes, where the voice of the preacher is heard, and into the conservatory of Sharon and the lily of the valley where sweet spices filled and perfumed my life." "I entered into the business office of Proverbs and on into the observatory of the prophets where I saw telescopes of various sizes pointing off to far away events, concentrating on the Bright and Morning Star which was to rise above the moonlit hills of Judea for our salvation and redemption." "I entered into the audience room of the King of kings, catching a vision written by Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John. Thence into the correspondence room with Paul, Peter, James, and John writing their epistles." "I stepped into the throne room of Revelation where tower glittering peaks, where sits the King of Kings upon His throne of glory with the healing of nations in His hand, and I cried out: All hail the power of Jesus name! Let angel's prostrate fall; Bring forth the royal diadem And crown Him Lord of all."

above. I love to know things other people don't know.

A. A Glorious Granting - Vs 7c + Vs 9

No natural man can see them, No carnal man can hear them, No the heart of sinful man can not even fathom these things that God has prepared for them that love him. But these glorious things have been revealed to us that believe. A lot of people use this to refer to heaven and say we can't even know what it will be like. But the very next verse says it has been revealed. In God's wonderful book we see not only the streets of Gold Gates of Pearl a day of no dying or no tears of the hereafter.

B. A Gracious Granting - Vs 12 - In

the book of Ephesians 1:3 we are told... The blessings of the revelation of God are (Vs 12) freely given, graciously given. The revelations of God are not on the top shelf of Universal wisdom. You don't have to have a seminary degree from Princeton to know the revelation of God. Mother, the glorious truths of God can be found at the kitchen table! Daddy, that Bible in a lunch pail is the gateway to all the glorious knowledge of God. Billy

III God's Revelation is Gleaned by the Spirit

"But God hath... by His Spirit" How does this happen. How do black and red letters on an onion skin page, shed such glory

into our lives. Well we see this agent referred to in

A. The intelligence of the Spirit -
(Vs 10b-11) This scripture written by the men of God was dictated by the spirit of God. The word spirit here is word "Pneuma" which means air or breath. I work with pneumatic cylinders and slides. The spirit of God is referred to as the very breath of God. Vs 11 Paul gives a comparison. Basically He is saying that no body knows us like it.

B. The inspiration of the Spirit
Vs 12b The words of this Bible I hold in my hand are the words of God given by the agency of the Spirit of God. 2 Timothy 3:16 That word inspiration is a compound word. The o' God pneumatic 'Breathed'. These words are Holy Ghost words of God. Never forget that the Bible is not just another best seller or popular book. It is

C. The instruction of the Spirit - Vs 13
This Holy Spirit who is so deeply familiar with the depths of God's wisdom is the one given to us to teach us this divine revelation. I remember as a teenager trying to read the Bible. It made very little sense. I was not moved by it in the least. But now I can't even read the Christmas account w/o choking up. Amen

IV. Closing - There have been a lot of books I have tried to read that made me feel pretty dumb or ignorant. But for the child of God this book should be a book in which we gain the wisdom of God. I'll be the first to tell you

1) ...like I know me. Likewise, the Holy Spirit knows God better than anyone. One author wrote: Because He is so acquainted with God, He is the one qualified to teach us about God, Who has revealed Himself in His Word." Vs 12 tells us that same Spirit lives in us, indwells us!

2) 2 Timothy 3:16 All scripture is given by inspiration of God...

3) ...it is the Book of God. It is the word of God.

4) ...A lady once read a certain book and said it was one of the most boring books she had ever read. She fell in love with a man and learned that he was the author of the book. She read the book again and said it was one of the best she had ever read. What made the difference? She knew the author. If you know the author of the Bible, then you have the ability to understand the Bible. He is our Divine teacher and guide to the Bible.

5) ...to tell you that there are going to be some things that you at first will not understand. But the "in-house" divine teacher has a way of growing us by first the milk of God's word then the meat of His word. If you don't know the Lord vs 14 is a description...